



# Richard P. Feynman Innovation Prize, paid internship program, Americorps.

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## 2018 Richard P. Feynman Innovation Prize

Laboratory scientist Bette Korber was recently honored with the [2018 Richard P. Feynman Innovation Prize](#) for her ground-breaking HIV vaccine designs. Korber, a theoretical biologist, paid tribute to the decades of work by the team she leads, which has built a global HIV database of over 840,000 published HIV sequences for scientific research. “Without the work of my database team, the vaccines would not have been possible,” says Korber. “I am honored to represent their efforts that are reflected in this award.” (*Community Connections* recently [profiled Korber's work.](#))

## Paid internship program launches

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) has launched the [PILAS Internship program](#) (Programa de Internos, Los Alamos), a workforce development project that gives students the opportunity to work with local businesses to gain skills while earning an hourly wage and academic credit. PILAS is made possible through support from Los Alamos National Security, LLC, Los Alamos National Laboratory, SFCC and Santa Fe Community College Foundation.

Participating businesses will assign student interns a project, and mentor them through to its completion, with students spending between 50 to 80 hours in their internship. Internships begin between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15 and will end by Nov. 9. The interns will receive pay through the college. The college is seeking businesses that would like to participate in the program.

## Student entrepreneur program seeking applicants

The [Launch Los Alamos program](#) is looking for budding high school entrepreneurs. The seven-week business incubator program is open to 9th-12th grade students in Los Alamos County who can apply as a founder (someone who has an idea they are looking to pursue) or a partners (who will support other entrepreneurial ideas and gain experience). The deadline for applications is September 14.

## AmeriCorps listening session

[The New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism](#) (NMCCV) is inviting nonprofits, local elected officials, and interested community members to a listening session in Santa Fe on August 21. There will be a conversation about the challenges facing New Mexico and how AmeriCorps and its members can help. The session is particularly focused on addressing the opioid addiction issue and childhood wellness, but also looks to discuss economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship and veterans' issues. In 2017 more than 700 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across New Mexico, while gaining skills and experience to advance their careers. For more information, contact NMCCV Executive Director Sam Sokolove at [Samuel.sokolove@state.nm.us](mailto:Samuel.sokolove@state.nm.us) or Carl Colonius at [ccolonius@gmail.com](mailto:ccolonius@gmail.com).

## Participate in the Congressional App Challenge

The [Congressional App Challenge](#) (CAC) is a public effort to encourage students to learn how to code, through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. Middle and high school students code original applications for the chance to be selected for recognition by their Member of Congress, win prizes, and have their work put on display in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Students can compete as individuals or in teams of up to four people. Those interested should register online by September 10, 2018, and must submit their app by 10 a.m. MT on October 15, 2018. For more information, go [here](#).

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